THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No , Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for Irrigation and Flood Control

*459. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made by the Union Government to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for irrigation and flood control purposes during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the allocation made has been fully utilised by the State Government; and

(c) if not,, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). The expenditure incurred by the State Government during each of the last three years has been more than the approved plan allocation because the State Government has spent large amount of money on unproved projects also.

STATEMENT

Statement Indicating Approved Outlays and the Expenditure incurred during each of the last Three Financial Years on Irrigation and Flood Control Purposes in Andhra Pradesh.

Year	*Plan outlay (in Rs. crores)*	*Expenditure (in Rs. crores)*	*Expenditure on projects not yet approved (in Rs. crores)*
1988-89	300.00	331.62	103.39
1989-90	300.00	328.38	122.13
1990-91	300 00	340.61	97.02

T.V. Programmes by Private Agencies

*460. SHRI M V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASA):

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to engage private agencies on a time slot basis to produce programmes for the second channel till the recommendations of the Vardan and Damodaran Committees on competition in electronic media are implemented;

(b) if so, the details of the agencies which have shown interest;

(c) the time by which the Government is likely to take a decision in this regard; and

(d) the extent to which the step taken by the Government is likely to check the invasion of foreign networks in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS). (a) to (c). Government are considering to extend the programme duration on the four metro channels of Doordarshan.The modalities of the scheme to generate additional programmes inhouse by Doordarshan as also by outside producers to be telecast on this channel is being worked out. A list of the parties that have evinced interest in this regard is given in the annexed Statement.

(d) It is the constant endeavour in Doordarshan to bring about qualitative improvement in its programme content and format so as to sustain the interest of its viewers.

STATEMENT

1. PTI-TV, Delhi
2. T.V. Programme Producers Guild of India Calcutta.
3. Paradigm Media, Bombay.
4. Business India Television, New Delhi.
5. M/S. Eastern News & Features Agency (P) Ltd.
6. Forum for Better Cinema, Bombay.
7. M/S. Jain Studios Ltd, New Delhi.
8. M/S. Centre for Media Studios, New Delhi.
9. M/S. Cinevista Ads, Bombay.
10. M/S. Vishal Productions, Bombay.
11. The Hindu, 5, INS Building, New Delhi.
12. Chozha Creations, Thyagaraja Nagar, Madras-600017.
13. Roshni TV Pageant, Trivandrum.
14. Techno Visuals, Calcutta-700007.
15. Enkay Visions (P) Limited, Madras.
16. Dr. Dadi Balsara, Singapore.
17. Spotfilms TV News & Features Agency, New Delhi.
18. Sh, Siddhartha Ray, Independent Television Co. Pvt. Limited, New Delhi.
19. Patrika TV, New Delhi.
20. Dev Features Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.
21. UTV (United Television), Bombaty-400018.
22. Cellulinks Productions (P) Ltd., J-71 Kalkaji, New Delhi.
23. Sh. Siddharth Basu, Synergy Communications Pvt. Ltd. D 2571, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 110 030.
24. Prannoy Roy, NDTV, W-17 Greater Kailash I, New Delhi -48.
25. I.P. Bajpai, Octave Communications, G-151, Kalkaji, New Delhi.
26. Ramesh Sharma, 3/42, Jangpura 'B' Ist Floor, New Delhi-14.
27. Rakesh Khanna, C/O Chanakya Pictures, H-11, Cannaught Circus (Middle Circle), New Delhi.
28. Prem Prakash, Asian Films TV, 72 Janpath, New Delhi.

29. Vinzod Dua, S-69, Panchsheel Park, New Delhi-17.

30. Naresh Bedi, E-19, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-27 and

31. Rajiv Mehrotra, 136, Golf Links, New Delhi-3.

Food Processing Industries

*461. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to develop highly sophisticated machinery for food processing industries;

(b) the bottlenecks faced by these industries; and

(c) the total value of the production of processed food in 1990-91 and 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Research and Development Institutes/ Organisations and some machinery manufacturing Companies have developed certain types of food processing machineries with different degrees of sophistication. Technology import and foreign collaboration for manufacture of such machineries are also allowed. Ministry of Food Processing Industries have formulated a scheme for setting up a Food Engineering Centre at C.F.T.R.I , Mysore in the 8th Plan This Centre *inter-alia* will take up design and development of food processing machinery and allied Research and Development activities.

(b) Food Processing Industries in the country, presently face sereral constraints for their development. These include, high cost of packaging material, lack of infrastructure, highincidence of taxes and duties on packaging material and also the State levies. Inadequate marketing facilities and market data, obsolescence of machinery and lack of public awareness about quality standards of processed foods are also indicated to be the constraints.

Fruit and vegetable processing industry suffers form non-availability of right quality and quantity of raw material at reasonable rates over a long period. Non-availability of right type of machinery particularly for decentralised quality processing and preparatory processing, inadequacy of infrastructure for storage, transport etc., are considered to be constraints.

The meat and poultry industry suffers from lack of modern processing facilities, prevalence of certain disease in animals, social constraints, non-availability of trained manpower and good quality of indigenous machinery and marketing facilities like refrigerated transport.

Deep Sea Fishing and Fish Processing Industries has not substantially expanded because of inadequacy of resource specific vessels for harvesting the deep sea resources lack of diversification in fishing operations and lack of availability of finance for deep sea operations, and technologies.

High percentage of levy in some States have restricted faster modernisation of Rice hullers. Inadequacy of technology for processing and packaging particularly for traditional foods right type of indigenous machinery, marketing problems, trained manpower for some products and traditional food habits are constraints for growth of consumer food industry.

(c) While the information on total value of production of processed foods is not maintained centrally, it is estimated that the food processing industry contributes ap-